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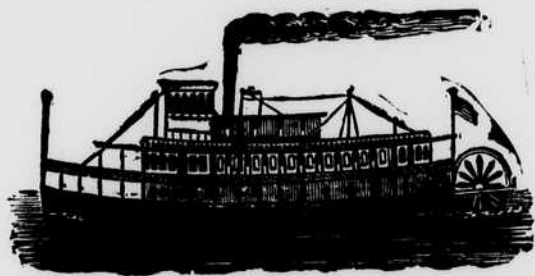
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SKAGUAY BANK FAILURE.

Skaguay's First Bank Passes in-
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Heavy Liabilities.

News is given of the failure of the First Bank of Skaguay. The bank, which opened in December, 1897, is in the hands of a receiver with liabilities fixed at \$16,000 and assets, such as they are, at \$18,000.

The Skaguay Alaskan says: "The bank was organized in 1897 as a stock company with a capital stock of \$25,000 of which not more than \$2,500 was ever paid in. Among the incorporators are C. S. Moody, who was president and manager of the bank; Charles Bullen, George Bullen, Thomas Aldrich, Norman S. Smith, George T. Williams, of Victoria, Thomas Ward, Fred Le Pennotier and three others from Portland, Ore. The bank was incorporated under the laws of Oregon which makes every one of the stockholders responsible for the liabilities of the concern.

The bank has been losing credit for nearly a year past since the bank was accused of harboring the sack containing \$3,000 worth of gold dust was stolen by members of the Soapy Smith gang from a miner last July, and which led to Smith's death. While the charge was denied and never proven, the report of it affected the credit of the bank and reached the Seattle bankers, and from thence forward refused all further credit. The Skaguay bank was affected by it, and the advent of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at once changed the business from the American to the Canadian bank."

Buffalo Hump.

The Northern Pacific Railroad have issued a new pamphlet descriptive of the great Buffalo Hump Country in Idaho, reached by the C. P. N. Ry. It gives a good description of that wonderful country, fertile in both mineral and agriculture resources. The pamphlet is replete with other and valuable information and can be had on application to any of the company's agents or to J. N. Nadeau, General Agent N. P. Ry. Seattle-Wash.

Troops for Alaska.

Companies G and L of the Seventh Infantry, which are to go as the command of Colonel Ray to Alaska, have arrived at Benicia barracks. Company A of the same regiment may be added to the expedition. This company is now at Fort McPherson, Ga. There is no chance of the Third Artillery having to go to the North. The order detaining Battery I, Capt. Henry C. Danes, has been revoked. Battery B, of the Third Artillery is to be sent immediately from Fortress Monroe to Angel Island in this harbor.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead so when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay, besides; one pays out 25 cents, and the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by Wrangel Drug Do.

Climate of Alaska It is Little Understood By Most People.

Doubtless there is no part of the earth the climate of which is as little understood by the average man and woman as that of Alaska. Most of the people of the United States, especially those east of the Rockies, have only a hazy recollection of Alaska or "Russia of America" as described in their child hood's geography; and the modern Klondike has only served to dissipate that haze sufficiently to allow their vision to be concentrated on that one point. To them whatever happens in "Klondike" of course happens in all other parts of Alaska. They forget that the Klondike and the Yukon country is separated from the southern coast by a range of great mountains, and that consequently the coast line has a vastly different climate from that of the interior. They forget that the proximity of the Pacific, and the prevailing westerly winds over that ocean, give the southern coastal region of Alaska a climate having a comparatively small range of temperature; while the interior, shut off from these modifying influences is subject to truly arctic rigors in winter which scarcely affect the southern sections. It is safe to say that before the discovery of gold in the Klondike scarcely one person in ten knew the length and breadth of the district, and some of the mistakes and guesses made are ludicrous in the extreme.

Southeastern Alaska, at least as far as temperature conditions are concerned, has a climate that many of the States may envy, remembering the severity of the cold waves that have swept the country from Montana to Florida. It is true that Southeastern Alaska has a greater amount of precipitation and more rainy or snowy days than most of the States in the Union; however, the absence of cold waves and disastrously sudden changes in temperature will go far on the credit side of the Southeastern Alaska ledger. The interior, deprived in a measure of the soothing effect of the ocean, of course has a rigid climate in winter, yet the summer months are warm, often oppressive.

The coast line has had considerable more rain and snow than the mainland—Wrangel and Ketchikan—and the number of clear and partly cloudy days at Wrangel and at Ketchikan is more than twice as great as at Sitka and Kilsnoo. In fact, the winter weather of Wrangel and Ketchikan will favorably compare with that of any of the Northern States—indeed with many of the Southern. The western Bureau Bulletins of Feb. 15 reported a temperature of two degrees below zero as having occurred on the 13th at Tallahassee, Florida. On that date at Wrangel and at Sitka, the lowest temperatures were Wrangel 34 degrees; Sitka, 35 degrees, while the lowest temperature of the winter were: Wrangel, 10 degrees above zero, in December and January. When it is remembered that Wrangel is about 2000 miles further north from the Equator than Tallahassee, the difference becomes more striking, and should turn the tide of winter travel towards Alaska.

Regular Church Services—Presbyterian Church.

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Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

Song service 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Friday, 8 p. m.

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HOMESTEAD LAWS —FOR— ALASKA.

An Act Extending The Homestead Laws and providing for Right of Way for Railroads in the District of Alaska, and For other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the Homestead laws of the United States and the rights incident thereto, including the right to enter surveyed or unsurveyed lands under the provisions of law relating to the acquisition of title through soldiers' additional homestead rights, are hereby extended to the District of Alaska, subject to such regulations as may be made by the Secretary of the Interior; and no indemnity, deficiency, or lien lands pertaining to any land grant whatsoever originating outside of said District of Alaska shall be located within or taken from lands in said District: Provided, That no entry shall be allowed extending more than eighty rods along the shore of any navigable water, and along such shore a space of at least eighty rods shall be reserved from entry between all such claims, and that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize entries to be made, or title to be acquired, to the shore of any navigable waters within said District: And be it further provided, That no homestead shall exceed eighty acres in extent.

SEC. 10. That any citizen of the United States twenty-one years of age, or any association of such citizen, or corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory now authorized by law to hold lands in the Territories, hereafter in the possession of and occupying public lands in the District of Alaska in good faith for the purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, may each purchase one claim only not exceeding eighty acres or such land for any one person, association, or corporation, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, upon submission of proof that said area embraces improvements of the claimant and is needed in the prosecution of such trade, manufacture or other productive industry, such tract of land not to include mineral or coal lands, and ingress and egress shall be reserved to the public on all waters of all streams, whether navigable or otherwise: Provided, That no entry be allowed under this Act on lands abutting on navigable waters of more than eighty rods: Provided further, That there shall be reserved by the United States a space of eighty rods in width between tracts sold or entered under the provisions of this Act on lands abutting on any navigable stream, inlet, gulf, bay or sea-shore, and that the Secretary of the Interior may grant the use of such reserved lands abutting on the water front to any citizen or association of citizens, or to any corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or under the laws of any State or Territory, for landings, and wharves with the provision that the public shall have access to and proper use of such wharves, and landings, at reasonable rates of toll to be prescribed by said Secretary, and a roadway sixty feet in width, parallel to the shore line as may be practicable, shall be reserved for the use of the public as a highway: Provided further, That in case more than one person, association, or corporation shall claim the same tract of land

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the person, association having the prior claim, by reason of actual possession and continued occupation in good faith, shall be entitled to purchase the same, but where several persons are or may be possessed of parts of the tract applied for the same shall be awarded to them according to their respective interests: Provided further, That all claims substantially square in form and lawfully initiated prior to January twenty first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by survey, or otherwise, under Section twelve and thirteen of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one (twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, Chapter five hundred and sixty-one), may be perfected and patented upon compliance with the provisions of said Act, but subject to the requirements and provisions of this Act, except as to area, but in no case shall such entry extend along the water front for more than one hundred and sixty rods: And Provided further That the Secretary of the Interior shall reserve for the use of the natives of Alaska suitable tracts of land along the water front of any stream, inlet, or bay or seashore for landing places for canoes and other craft used by such natives: Provided, That the Annette, Pribilof Islands, and the islands leased or occupied for the propagation of foxes be excepted from the operation of this Act.

That all affidavits, testimony, proof and other papers provided for by this Act and by said Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, or by any departmental or Executive regulation thereunder, by depositions or otherwise, under the commission from the register and receiver of the land office, which may have been, or may where after be taken and sworn to any in the United States, before any court, judge, or other officer authorized by law to administer an oath, shall be admitted in evidence as if taken before the register and receiver of the proper local land office. And thereafter such proof, together with the certified copy of the field notes and plat of the survey of the claim, shall be filed in the office of the surveyor-general of the District of Alaska, and if such survey and plat shall be approved by him, certified copies thereof, together with the claimant's application to purchase, shall be filed in the United States land office in the land district in which the claim is situated, whereupon, at the expense of the claimant, the register of such land office shall cause notice of such application to be published for at least sixty days in a newspaper of general circulation published near the claim within the District of Alaska, and the applicant shall at the time of filing such field notes, plat and application to purchase in the land office, as aforesaid, cause a copy of such plat, together with the application to purchase, be posted upon the claim, and such plat and application shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place on such claim continuously for at least sixty days, and during such period of posting and publication or within thirty days thereafter any person, corporation, or association, having or asserting any adverse interest therein, or claim to, the tract of land or any part thereof sought to be purchased, may file in land office such application is pending, under oath, an adverse claim setting forth the nature and extent thereof, and such adverse claim-

ant shall, within sixty days after the filing of such adverse claim, begin action to quiet title in a court of competent jurisdiction within the District of Alaska, and thereafter no patent shall issue for such claim until the final adjudication of the rights of the parties, and such patent shall then be issued in conformity with the final decree of the court.

SEC. 11. That the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, may cause to be appraised the timber upon any part thereof upon public lands in the District of Alaska, and may from time to time sell as much thereof as he may deem proper for not less than the appraised value thereof, in such quantities to each purchaser as he may prescribe, to be used in the District of Alaska, but not for export therefrom. And such sales shall at all times be limited to actual necessities for consumption in the District from year to year, and payment for such timber shall be made to the receiver of public money of the local land office of the land district in which said timber may be sold, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and the moneys arising therefrom shall be accounted for by the receiver of such land office to the Commissioner of the General Land office in a separate account, and shall be covered into the Treasury. The Secretary of the Interior may permit, under regulations to be prescribed by him, the use of timber found upon the public lands in said District of Alaska by actual settlers, residents, individual miners, prospectors for minerals, for firewood, fencing, buildings, mining, prospecting and for domestic purposes, as may actually be needed by such persons for such purposes.

SEC. 12. That the President is authorized and empowered, in his discretion by Executive order from time to time to establish or discontinue land districts in the District of Alaska, and to define, modify or change the boundaries thereof, and designate or change the location of any land office therein; and he is also authorized and empowered to appoint, by and with the advice of the Senate, a register for each land district he may establish and a receiver of public moneys therefor; and the register and receiver appointed for such district shall, during their respective terms of office, reside at the place designated for the land office. That the registers and receivers of public moneys in the land districts of Alaska shall receive an annual salary of one thousand five hundred dollars and the fees provided by law for like offices in the State of Oregon, not to exceed, including such salary and fees, a total annual compensation of three thousand dollars for each of said officers.

SEC. 13. That native-born citizens of the Dominion of Canada shall be accorded in said District of Alaska the same mining rights and privileges accorded to citizens of the United States in British Columbia and the Northwest territories by the laws of the Dominion of Canada or the local laws, rules, and regulations; but no greater right shall be thus accorded than citizens of the United States or persons who have declared their intentions to become such may enjoy in said District of Alaska; and the Secretary of the Interior shall from time to time promulgate and enforce rules and regulations to carry this provision into effect.

SEC. 14. That under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the privilege of entering goods, wares, and merchandise in bond or of placing them in bonded warehouses at any of the ports in the District of Alaska, and of withdrawing the same for exportation to any place in British Columbia or the Northwest Territories without payment of duty is hereby granted to the Government of the Dominion of Canada and its citizens or citizens of the United States and to persons who have declared their intention to become such whenever and so long as it shall appear to the satisfaction of the President of the United States, who shall ascertain and declare the fact by proclamation, that corresponding privileges have been granted and are being granted by the Government of the Dominion of Canada in respect to goods, wares and merchandise passing through the territory of the Dominion of Canada to any point in the District of Alaska from any point in said District.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.

F. W. Carlyon and other enterprising citizens are doing a good job of sidewalk building by extending the approach to McKinnon's wharf full width across the street.

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The steamer Alaska left for Douglas Island yesterday, towing the Garnet loaded with lumber for the Treadwell Mine.

Have you subscribed for the Journal? If not, why not?

We hear from Attorney C. E. Ingersoll that Ketchikan is experiencing quite a healthy growth. Mr. Ingersoll is a bright energetic lawyer and will no doubt meet with success in his new field.

Buy your glasses at Carlyon's!

Al. Osborne, who has been out hunting for some time returned to Wrangel this week.

F. E. Cagle has opened a tin shop in the Bloomhardt Block, 214 Front St and is prepared to do all kinds of work at short notice.

Henry Body returned to Juneau on the Topeka.

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Rev. Father J. M. Treca who was a visitor at Wrangel last week returned to his field of labor at Juneau.

Indian Souvenir spoons at Carlyon's.

Attorney C. H. Sundmacher made this office a pleasant call this week. Mr. Sundmacher stands at the head of the legal fraternity in Alaska, and his powers of personal magnetism have won for him a host of friends and a lucrative law practice. A lawyer who can win cases always gains standing.

Weigel makes the best Pies, Cakes, and bread in town.

Peter Toussaint is dead. Peter was a great man but his greatness was cultus greatness. He had been mixed up in all kinds of bunco games known to the trickster. Many citizens of Wrangel knew him to their sorrow, and as the JOURNAL has not been employed to write his biography we simply say: May 29th., 1899, on Bradford River, of rheumatism of the heart.

All kinds of location blanks for sale at this office.

There is an immense quantity of freight in warehouse awaiting transshipment to Glenora and interior points.

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The Roseburg Review, published at the late home of Fred the First is devoting columns to publishing facts relative to his corrupt practices in his official capacity. The idea is a good one as it enables other communities to be on their guard against him. The more publicity is given to a rascal the more protection is given to innocent persons who might be victims.

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Hunt Grocery Co. General market place for Wrangel.

John Schuler and others interested in the great Glacier Basin, back of Wrangel, have returned from their work of building a trail to their property. This property is now easily accessible, and from the development work which has been done it is known to be much richer than was at first supposed. The chances of the owners of this property becoming rich men are very good indeed.

New goods at Carlyon's.

Gospel meeting every Sunday night at 436 Front St. at 7.30 p. m. Bible class every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the same place. All are cordially invited to attend.

The river steamer Casca, belonging to the Casca Trading Company, and the Stratheona belonging to the Hudson Bay Company, are both due from Glenora.

Books! Books!

For Sale or Exchange, by the Hunt Grocery Co., 326 Front Street.

The Northern Light, a religious paper published bi-monthly by Clarence Thwing, and having a circulation of 2000 copies, was printed at the JOURNAL office this week.

Weigel makes a specialty of fine pastry to order.

Fine line of Alaska views at Carlyon's.

The attention of all citizens is called to Section 674 of the Oregon Code, which appears in another column. If you are violating any law of God or man you are liable to punishment under this Section.

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Duncan McKinnon is having erected back of the JOURNAL office a large tank capable of holding 3000 gallons of water. The tank when completed will serve a dual purpose of acting as fire protection and furnishing a means of cooling off the office devil at times when he becomes aggravated beyond human endurance.

John Garrett of the Warwick will leave on the Topeka for Seattle returning on the same boat.

Harry Neilson has returned from a visit to Sitka looking well and hearty.

A. T. Dresler, of the well known cigar importing firm of Blaskauer & Co San Francisco, arrived from below on the Topeka in company with three others, enroute to La Tuya Bay where they go to develop rich placer claims.

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Six years Old.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett gave their son Glenn a Birthday Party last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Garrett was assisted by Mrs. Sundmacher and Miss Baird. Ice Cream and Cake was served to the little folks and that with Games and other amusements caused them all to feel the event had been fittingly celebrated. The following young people were present: Misses Etoline McKinnon, Hazel Whitney, Lulu McGee, Jennie Lameraux, Mary Sundmacher, Lillie Sullivan, Millie Sylvester, Gladys Ronndtree, Clara Tait, Margarite Uhler Elaine Hunt, and Amy Hunt; Masters Dennie Irvine, Fred Whitney, John McKinnon, Steve Grant, Payson Thwing, Brigham Grant, James Thwing, Lawrence Cagle, Paul Loomis and Sterling Garrett.

A Calico Party.

The Bachelor's Club gave another of their popular parties on Thursday evening last. The elite of Wrangel society turned out, this time in calico, it being a Calico Party. There were many varied and tasty costumes showing a decided knowledge of the artistic, and everyone present expressed themselves as having a very enjoyable time. There was a liberal supply of "Tait's Ice Cream" on hand for the occasion, and it was eagerly sought for by all present. The music was, as usual, up to the standard. Dancing continued until daylight. The Bachelors will give a grand Masquerade Ball on July 4th.

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Any one wishing to engage the services of a reliable guide and pilot who is familiar with the entire coast of South eastern Alaska, can do so by calling at this office, or at Reid & Sylvester's store. A great many mining experts and others will come to Alaska this summer with a desire to visit some particular locality along the coast. All such persons will find it to their best interests to obtain the services of a perfectly reliable pilot, who, from long experience is acquainted with the Alaska coast and tide currents.

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F. W. LAPSLEY, M. D.,
RUFUS SYLVESTER,
JOHN E. SALES,
Sanitary Committee for the Fort Wrangel Chamber of Commerce.
Fort Wrangel, Alaska, May 9th., 1899.

Section 674.

The following is a copy of the drag-net; the famous Section under which Fred. Page-Tustin administers justice Sec. 674:— "If any person shall willfully or wrongfully commit any act which grossly injures the person or property of another, or which grossly disturbs the public peace or health, or which openly outrages the public decency, and is injurious to public morals, such person, if no punishment is expressly prescribed therefor by this code, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month, nor more than six months, or by fine not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars."

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